

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

At paragraphs 1 and 2 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 10-13 and 47-53 over various prior art. Applicants have cancelled these claims without prejudice to the continued prosecution of these claims in a continuation application.

Cancellation of these claims should be construed neither as an admission that the Examiner is correct nor an acquiescence in the rejection. Applicants therefore request that the rejection of claims 10-13 and 47-53 be withdrawn as moot.

Applicants have also cancelled non-elected claims 23-35, 40-46 and 56-62 without prejudice to the continued prosecution of these claims in a divisional application.

Comments on Statements for Reasons for Allowance

At page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1-9, 14-22 and 36-39 have been allowed.

To the extent the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states, implies or is construed to mean that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner believes the claims should be interpreted to include one or more features or limitations not recited therein, Applicants' attorney disagrees with such an interpretation. Moreover, it is Applicants' contention that there is no particular limitation in the allowed claims that is more critical than any other. The issuance of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be construed as a surrender by Applicants of any subject matter. It is the intent of Applicants, by their attorney, to construe the allowed claims so as to cover the invention disclosed in the instant application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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